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GOOD CAUSE

Alumnus turns desire to help into business

Tiffany Roney

K-State alumnus Cody Sudmeier is working to change the world and deliver inspirational messages through a medium often seen as less

than deep — the medium of fashion.
Sudmeier's company, All the
Above Clothing, sold its first item
five months ago. Since then, it has garnered attention from celebrities Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie. The producers of South by Southwest, an annual music, film and interactive conference, are collaborating with All the Above for upcoming event Coast, which will benefit Louisiana in wake of Hurricane Katrina and the oil spill. Furthermore, a deal is in the works for All the Above to produce tees for Chicago music festival Lollapalooza.

"It's funny because he comes and tells me things like, 'You know, Brad Pitt and Angelina are really wanting to do a T-shirt," said Jamie Regehr, Sudmeier's business partner. "I'm like, 'Brad Pitt? Are we talking Brad Pitt?' He's just so casual about it."

Sudmeier said he recognizes this attention from celebrities is not due to his own talent, fame or eral success.

"There's a lot of people that I would never have access to - a lot of celebrities, athletes, that would have never given me the time of day — but if you're doing something good for a charity or cause that they support, you all of the sudden have access to them, so it's pretty cool stuff," Sudmeier said.

The entrepreneurship bug

Sudmeier entered the realm of entrepreneurship in a way he had never expected. He said he started a consulting firm "by mistake."

After four years of working for corporate company, Sudmeier got frustrated that he was not even considered in the discussion about yearly promotions, since he felt like he was already operating at the next

He was told after the meeting, "Yeah, you deserve it, but we haven't even talked about you; you haven't been here long enough."

"I just never thought I would start my own company, and went home and said, 'Well, forget these guys, I'm done," Sudmeier said. "I went from one day, never even thinking about it, to the very next day — 'I'm done; I'm starting my own company."

The company Sudmeier started



tions with Lindsey Warta, 2010 K-State alumnus and manager of Envy, 1223 Moro St. Sudmeier's Denver-based company has garnered attention from celebrities like Brad Pitt, Angelina Jolie and Beyonce for its collaboration with nonprofit organizations.

was not his fashion business, All the Above Clothing, but rather a business-consulting firm, Agility Solutions, which was recognized by the Denver Business Journal in 2010 as Denver's fastest growing company.

A year and a half ago, a couple of guys from San Francisco approached Sudmeier for investing assistance. They told Sudmeier they wanted to start a business that would sell highend designer tees, hoodies and jack-

Sudmeier was unimpressed with their plans. First, Sudmeier disagreed with the negative imagery, a la the tattoo-style designs of the clothing company Affliction. Also, the apparel was not high-quality enough for Sudmeier's taste.

The potential clients from San Francisco decided to go their own way, but for Cody Sudmeier, a business idea was born.

A hidden message

Salina campaigns address important election issues

Though Sudmeier said he never thought he'd be starting a clothing company, he had taken notice many times of the lack of fashion that actually expressed his personality.

"I'd go to Nordstrom and I'd see a high-end designer shirt, and it would have a skull and crossbones on it, and I'd just think, 'I'm not a pirate; this doesn't really express who I am," Sudmeier said. "As easy of an outlet for self-expression as it is, I think companies fail to use it for what it can be, or they just put out meaningless items, or even stuff that seems

Though he would rather have worn clothing that held personal meaning or positive messages, the clothing he found that fit those characteristics was too loud and obvious. Christy Coffman, 2010 K-State alumna, said she has felt the affects of wearing positive clothing that is so in-your-face that she felt uncomfort-"There was this one day where I

was wearing TOMS and an Invisible Children T-shirt, and I felt like I was this walking billboard saying, 'Hey! I help children," Coffman said.

Sudmeier hears these complaints loud and clear because he has voiced them himself.

"For me, it needs to be a little mysterious, a little subtle, where the customer knows what it means, but it's up to them if they want to share the story behind it," Sudmeier said.

Additionally, he wanted his brand of fashion to be higher quality than

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Harry Potter fans turn out, tickets fund books 3



Matt Maggiacomo, singer of the Whomping Willows, performs in the K-State Alumni Center Ballroom on Saturday night during the Hollows and Horcruxes Ball.

Sam Diederich

After campaign events, debates, posters and planning, the Salina Student Government election is only a day away.

This year's presidential election features two campaigns. Morgan Miles, junior in general business administration, and John Seim, senior in the professional pilot program, are running against Brett Cooper, junior in engineering technology and technology management, and Lee Scherman, senior in engineering tech-nology and technology management.

The Collegian asked each campaign to make a state-ment regarding the issues they deem vital to this year's election.

Voting begins at 8 a.m. on Tuesday and will continue until 6 p.m. on Wednesday. All enrolled students can vote for student body president and vice president, as well as choose student senators and representatives.

MORGAN MILES & JOHN SEIM

Safe Ride

I realize that this program caused a financial burden on our SGA but that was due to poor Safe Ride management and regulations. If we were to bring this program back, it would first of all have to be passed by the Senate, and then we would work towards purchasing a vehicle so that we would be able to run the program in house. The vehicle would also be available for clubs to take on trips. The new Safe Ride Program would no longer be a 24/7 service; it would only be run when classes are in session on Friday and Saturday evenings from 11 p.m. until 2 a.m.

More Degree Programs

We are no longer the College of Technology and Aviation; we are K-State Salina, it is time that we expand our degree offerings. We are 27 credit hours short of having a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration; we would like to help phase that degree in with Distance Education and Tele-Net Courses.

Library Services

The staff at the KSU Salina Library is great; they help every student out when they need it. But, we have heard from a lot of students that they would like to be able to go to our library on Sunday afternoons to do their homework, instead of having to wait until 6 p.m.

BRETT COOPER & LEE SCHERMAN

Student Enrollment and Involvement

Cody Sudmeier All the Above Clothing founder, 2001 K-State alumnus

Student enrollment and involvement needs to have a boost. Our campus is small, and I want to bring new and improved involvement to the Salina campus. I want to hold possibly Landon Lectures, forums and debates. I am willing to hold any type of debate or forum, and just bring a different atmosphere to our campus. I know that if we hold more events that students want, then I know our campus will grow and further our learning experiences. I am also encouraging more students to get involved in clubs and organizations, but if there is a club that our campus does not have, then I will help them promote new and improved clubs that accommodate their interests.

Community Involvement

My campaign wants to promote our clubs to venture out into the city of Salina, "Painting Salina Purple." What this slogan means is getting our campus more involved in community service projects. By having these clubs get out into the Salina community, our students will have the privilege of knowing what companies are in our community. Instead of passing SGA allocation money to our clubs, clubs will need to attend and help in one community service project before getting allocation money.

Safe Ride has been our biggest and baddest issue on campus. There is one thing that I agree with on the topic of Safe Ride, it is intended to be a good resource to students, but our campus is not big enough or in need of a service such as this. On our campus, Safe Ride is not cost efficient nor in need of a service that is this expensive. My solution to Safe Ride is not to revamp the service. I want to give the estimated \$7,000 back to the students so they can attend more conferences and help out their club or organization.

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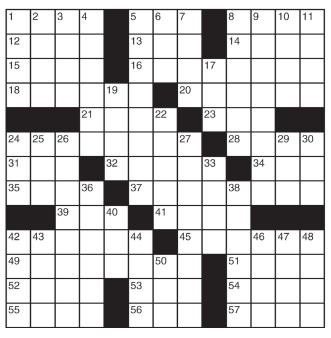
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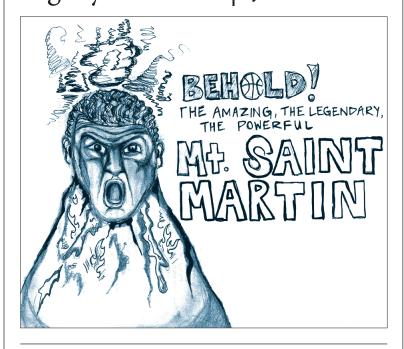
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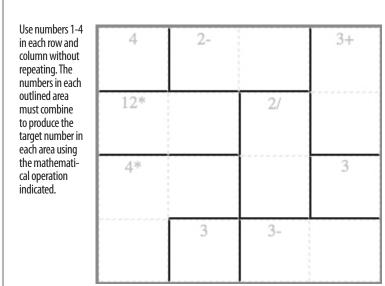
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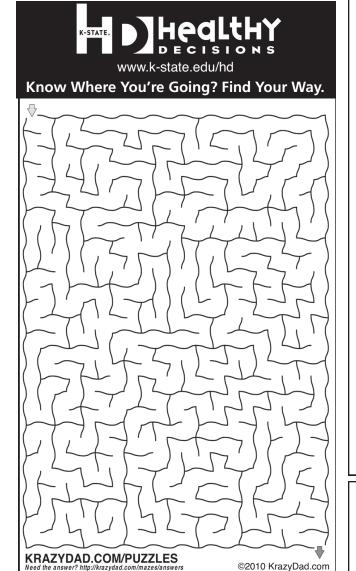
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Disability Awareness Week March 6-12, 2011 "DiversAbility"

UPC Movie: "Radio"

March 7, 7:00p.m. K-State Student Union, Big 12 Room

This 2003 film, starting Cuba Gooding Jr. and Ed Harris, depicts the story of a high school coach and the developmentally challenged man whom he took under his wing. Directly following there will be a post film discussion.

Service Dog Exhibition

March 8, 11:00a.m. - 1:00p.m., K-State Student Union, Forum Hall

Canine Companions for Independence and KSDS show off the amazing skills of their highly trained animals. Informal Meet-N-Greet from 11:00a.m.-11:45a.m., Ground Floor. Formal Presentation from Noon-1:00 PM, Forum Hall. Or, Join Live Via the Web (formal presentation only) at: http://ksre.ksu.edu/seminars

Lunchtime Panel & "Promoting Accessibility Across Campus" Award Ceremony

March 10, 12:00p.m. - 1:00p.m., K-State Student Union, Courtyard Students and Staff with disabilities are featured discussing their experience with disabilities from various cultural backgrounds. The "PAAC" faculty/staff award will also be presented.

For more information: http://www.k-state.edu/dss/ksfa.html















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ARREST REPORTS

THURSDAY

Wilson B. Baker, of the 3100 block of Lundin Drive, was booked for criminal damage to property. Bond was set at \$500.

Renard Davis II, of the 1100 block of Laramie Street, was booked for probation violation. Bond was set at \$1,000.

Corey Evan Harrison, of Junction City, was booked for driving with a canceled, suspended or revoked license. Bond was set at \$750.

Stanford Alexander Kizer, of the 1700 block of Denison Avenue, was booked for driving with a canceled, suspended or revoked license. Bond was set at \$1,500.

Joshua Steven Martin, of the 1400 block of Humboldt Street, was booked for battery and criminal trespassing. Bond was set

Jorge Alejandr Martinez Reyes, of the 2500 block of Farm Bureau Road, was booked for theft. Bond was set at \$500.

FRIDAY

Clarence Keon Bumpas, of the 2000 block of Tecumseh Road, was booked for driving under the influence and an accident involving damage to a vehicle or property. Bond was set at \$3,000.

Tyler David Becker, of the 1700 block of Laramie Street, was booked for probation violation. Bond was set at \$1,000.

Amber Nichole Bussart, of the 2000 block of Seaton Avenue, was booked for driving with a canceled, suspended or revoked license. Bond was set at \$1,500.

Richard Charles Butler Sr., of the 2900 block of Karen Terrace, was booked for failure to appear. No bond was listed.

Cassie Marie James, of Columbus, Kan., was booked for unlawful use of a nondriver's identification card and obstruction of the legal process. Bond was set at \$1,000.

Quinton C. Shorter Jr., of Ogden, Kan., was booked for probation violation. Bond was set at \$3,000.

SATURDAY

Cody McCall Blackmon, of Fort Bond was set at \$750.

Jacob Levi Brown, of Columbus, Kan., was booked for unlawful use of a nondriver's identification card. Bond was set at \$500.

Tracy Diane Evans, of the 3000 block of Tuttle Creek Boulevard, was booked for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$1,500.

Kortney Lashea Fielding, of Concordia, Kan., was booked for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$750.

Austin J. Herl, of West Hall, was booked for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$750.

Michael Rae Pepper, of the 700 block of Fourth Street, was booked for obstruction of the legal process and purchase or consumption of

alcoholic liquor by a minor. Bond was set at \$750.

Clinton Ray Schriner, of the 1100 block of Juliette Avenue, was booked for unlawful use of a license, obstruction of the legal process and purchase or consumption of alcoholic liquor by a minor. No bond was listed.

David Allen Townsley, of Moline, Kan., was booked for driving under the influence. Bond was set

Shane Bradley Vesta, of Dwight, Kan., was booked for driving under the influence. Bond was set

Cornel Lamont Evans, of the 1300 block of Yuma Street, was booked for probation violation. Bond was set at \$1,500.

Joseph Marquel Griffiths, of the 4400 block of Tuttle Creek Boulevard, was booked for theft. Bond was set at \$1,000.

Donnie Marcell Hill, of the 700 block of Allen Road, was booked for theft. Bond was set at \$1,000.

Nancy Marie Robertson, of the 3400 block of Treesmill Drive, was booked for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$500.

Jennie Robledo, of the 2100 block of Sloan Street, was booked for battery and consumption of cereal malt beverage or alcoholic liquor by a minor. Bond was set at

Amber A. Sharpe, of Greenleaf, Kan., was booked for failure to appear and two counts of worthless check. Bond was set at \$849.

SUNDAY

Adam William M. Depler, of the 1000 block of Leavenworth Street, was booked for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$500.

Thomas James Ferguson, of the 1800 block of Elaine Drive, was booked for disorderly conduct. Bond was set at \$750.

Nicole Lynette Jepsen, of Junction City, was booked for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$750.

Alarie Kay Kennedy, of the 600 block of Fairchild Terrace, was booked for obstruction of the legal process. Bond was set at \$750.

Jordan Lee May, of the 1900 block of Hunting Avenue, was booked for obstruction of the legal process. Bond was set at \$750.

Walter Lee Pickettay, of Fort Riley, was booked for disorderly conduct and obstruction of the legal process. Bond was set at

James Edward Ramsey, of Manning, S.C., was booked for driving under the influence. Bond was set

Shaun Jesse Simon, of Haymaker Hall, was booked for disorderly conduct. Bond was set at \$750.

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Deandre Jaron Thompson, of the 2200 block of College Avenue, was booked for disorderly conduct. Bond was set at \$750.

Concert attracts Harry Potter enthusiasts, raises money to donate toward literacy

Wizarding-themed rock bands draw roots from series of novels

Austin Enns coverage editor

Wizards, witches, and other magical people gathered in the K-State Alumni Center's Ballroom on Saturday night to experience a rock concert unlike any other. The bands playing included The Moaning Myrtles, The Remus Lupins, Ministry of Magic and four other groups.

About 250 people attended the fourth annual Hallows and Horcruxes Ball, which was raising money for First Book — an organization providing books to underprivileged children.

Karin Westman, professor in English, said the event normally raises about \$1,300 for First Book, and the bands partaking in the concert do not make money from playing at K-State.

The wizard rock experience is a good way to figure out how people who love books a lot can get together, have fun and try to influence the world," Westman said. We hope to be able to do as much as we did last year, and hopefully more."

Banners for the various houses in the Harry Potter world were set up on the south side of

ballroom, and some people dressed in Gryffindor scarves while others wore the ties of Ravenclaw and Slytherin with wizard robes.

Nate Spriggs, junior in agricultural nomics, said he



Anthony Drath | Collegian

Emily Midkiff, co-president of Children's and Adolescent Literature Community and graduate student in English, reads a book while attending the Harry Potter-themed Hallows and Horcruxes Ball on Saturday night in the K-State Alumni Center.

went to the concert with some friends and that he thought the event was interesting.

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> **Karin Westman** professor in English of the vari

ous bands signed and sold memorabilia before the start of the show, and the bands were each given about 30 minutes to play their set.

Matt Maggiacomo, sole member of the Womping Willows, said he has toured year-round since 2007, but he started playing wizard

rock before. "I became friendly with Harry and the Potters in 2004 and over the course of my friendship with them I was encouraged to start my own project," Maggiacomo said. "At first it was kind of a joke and I didn't really expect it to turn into anything real, and

then it became something

I started taking more seri-

Maggiacomo said wanted to form a band that was from the perspective of a tree because he thought it would be humorous. He said he does not sing every song from that perspective though.

Lindsey Givens, graduate student in children's literature, said she got involved through the Harry Potter Alliance and Children's and Adolescent Literature Community.

'Obviously my interest in children's literature helps, and I'm a member of some of the groups hosting, and I get a free T-shirt," Givens said.

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•Turn it into Kedzie 103 by 10:30 am Thursday March 17.

 Highest point total will receive the cash.

One entry per person. Must be current K-State student, faculty, or staff member. Winners will be notified by e-mail or phone by April 8.

















STREET TALK Is it more socially acceptable for men or women to leave their family/marriage?





Olivia Moore SOPHOMORE IN ANIMAL SCIENCES AND INDUSTRY





Aubrie Neises SOPHOMORE IN LIFE SCIENCES





Eli Logan SOPHOMORE IN ARCHITECTURE

"I think it's portrayed a lot more that the husband leaves the kids, but I don't think it's acceptable either way."



Nicole Setter MANHATTAN RESIDENT





Adam Setter **GRADUATE STUDENT IN BUSINESS**









Becca Simon MANHATTAN RESIDENT









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GENDER BIAS

Womanhood, desire for children not always linked



I read a fascinating article recently, "The opposite of a 'Tiger Mother': leaving your children behind" by Lylah M. Alphonse, which came out on shine.yahoo.com on March 3. The article concerns a woman, Rahna Reiko Rizzuto, who realized when her children were age 5 and 3 that she never wanted to be a mother so she left them with her husband to pursue another life. Many people responding to the article were horrified at the idea of a woman not wanting to be a mother, but it made perfect sense to me. I don't want children, either.

Alphonse's article states that there is a double standard making it socially acceptable for men to leave the kids behind with their mother, but not for women to leave them with the father. Dead-beat dads are not nice people, but dead-beat moms? That's insane. How dare they go against their basic biological instincts?

Here's where I get uncomfortable with double standards. It's a biological instinct that a woman should not only want children but also be so attached to them that nothing can break that bond. Men don't have such instincts, apparently, because they lack a uterus.

I beg to differ. I know lots of men with socalled "maternal" instincts. My own dad for example. When we're out in public, I sometimes catch him staring at something wi a goofy smile, eyes twinkling. I search the crowd, looking for a familiar face until he finally

nudges me and points to a small child toddling around, usually drooling on something. He thinks babies and small children are the greatest thing in the world. He can watch them all day with that goofy smile and never get bored.

I look at them and I feel ... nothing. I don't want children, have never wanted children and, at my age, suspect that if the urge to have children was ever going to hit me, I would have felt something - anything — by now. If I were male, the response would be "OK," but because I am female, I get a wink and a nudge and, "Oh you just wait until it happens to you. It's different when they're you're own."

I personally know two people who were abandoned by their moms. I suspect the reason for this abandonment is because the mom didn't really want children and never should have had any. But society insists that kids will magically fulfill or complete their lives and that their mother instincts will take over and encompass their lives in a warm, gooey bubble of love. After they have a child or two, they realize this isn't true for them. It might be true for others, but not for them. Deadbeat Dads are accepted in society, but a

don her children, so they say, and I suspect this might be a factor in the frighteningly high rate of child

According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Child Maltreatment Report of 2001, the vast majority of child abusers — more than 40 percent — are the children's biological mothers. Biological fathers account for less than half of that — about 18 percent. Additionally, childhelp.org reports the most common form of child abuse is not physical abuse, but neglect, accounting for 59 percent of reported cases. It does not seem unreasonable to assume that somebody who never wanted children to begin with will end up neglecting and ignoring them. I see evidence of this abuse at work every day, in places like the grocery store. It saddens me.

I personally think it would be better for people who don't want children not to have them, but it's

difficult to ignore the pressures of the media and society who tell women that procreating is necessary to complete life. I admit, I feel a little guilty that my parents will probably never have the grandchildren that they desire, but I'm not about to experiment with somebody else's life to fulfill a social obligation to pass on my genes or family name. I don't want my nonexistant children to become a statistic any more than I want to be trapped in the miserable situation of raising kids I never wanted. That's not fun for anyone

I'm sure the biological instinct of wanting children is a beautiful thing, but it's not something that is endemic only to women and it certainly isn't something that everybody has, regardless of their gender. My father wanted children so he had them, and his life was very rich and wonderful because of it. I don't want children and I instinctively feel that we would not cohabit very well, so I choose not to have any. You know who respects my choice the most?



Eating meat no longer necessary to gain nutrients



Balasubramanyn Meenakshisundaram

How important is meat in a man's diet? Do people eat meat just because they have had it once and start to like the taste, aside from the health reasons? Can one survive on a vegetarian diet? I am going to take my shot here at the age-old debate of whether to eat meat or not.

I was born and raised a vegetarian. And growing up, I never questioned my parents' decisions for me. They didn't want me to eat meat, and hence I didn't. Come to think of it, I don't even recall having a discussion with my mom or dad about this topic. I guess I just accepted it at

face value. However, we all come to a point in life where our parents don't control what we do in life. We Indian kids come to it a bit later than the rest of you, but we still do. At that point, when I decided to reconsider my decision of not eating meat, İ gave it some thought and still decided to

stay away from meat. By then, I could no longer think of it as tasty food. To me, it was a dead animal on my plate. Once I arrived at this point of the thought process, I could no longer eat it. There are many justifications from people as to why they eat meat. I am going to try and reason them out as best as I can.

Let's start with the argument that "God put them there for us to eat." No, he didn't. We put them there in farms, locked them up in cages, fed them chemicals to make them fat and even made them mate and breed the way we wanted them to. God merely created them,

just as he created us and everything else around us.

Now, for all you folks out there going, "Duh, Bala. Did you even watch 'Bee Movie'? . We eat them to keep the balance in nature and to keep pandemonium at bay!" Sorry, I cannot accept this argument either. We don't seem to eat lions or tigers, and we don't have an overpopulation of those animals.

Of course, we kill them for bers are dwindling because we are far less successful in "helping" them survive and multiply. My point is if we did not eat the animals we eat, we would probably not need to farm them in the the balance of nature would still be in place.

other reasons, and their numlarge numbers that we do, so

What about nutrition?

of protein. I have not eaten meat, but I haven't disintegrated into nothingness either. Many dairy products and beans have about the same amount of protein as meat. According to highproteinfoods.net, a cup of milk has 8 grams of protein and a slice of cheese 4.6 grams. Madelyn Fernstrom, director of the Weight Management Center at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, wrote in an Aug. 29, 2006, column that the amount of protein we need per day is roughly one gram for every kilogram of our body weight. Simple math will tell you that you can have all the protein you need from just milk and beans. And the bonus here is that milk products are easier for our bodies to digest

Meat is not the only source

than meat.

I refuse to believe that man has eaten meat ever since day one. Adam and Eve chose the apple and not the snake in the Garden of Eden. However, I reckon things would have been much better if they had ripped that snake and eaten

it, but what's done is done. My point is that man started killing animals for food as a self-preservation method. The meat from the animals gave him warmth when he was freezing in those dingy caves. Also, initially he might have lacked the expertise as to which berries were good and which ones were poisonous, or maybe he decided that one dead animal would feed him longer than a few berries. The decision is all geography and logistics and survival instincts.

But today, we have heaters to warm our houses so we don't need meat to keep our core body temperatures from

plummeting. Also, we have

implemented sophisticated

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methods of agriculture. So overall, I would say that a vegetarian diet is all one needs to live a healthy and normal life. Those who eat meat need to realize that they do so on their own free will and that justifying their cause is futile and unnecessary. Ultimately, it is every man for himself, and we all have the right to do what we deem to

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Octagon of Doom creates a nightmare



The Octagon of Doom is not sexist. This much I know. After watching K-State defeat a host of top-ranked teams during my four-year tenure, it became clear that Bramlage Coliseum is one of the best home court venues in all of college basketball.

K-State's arena does not stack up to Allen Fieldhouse or Oklahoma State's Gallagher-Iba when it comes to history. No, the Octagon of Doom is fresh. It's new and almost tacky. The name conjures images akin to the Griswold house at Christmas or professional wrestling. But that's the arena's niche. It's not pretty or cute. The Octagon is gritty.

It does not matter if you are male or female. After witnessing Deb Patterson and the women's basketball team defeat a Texas A&M program that had its sights set on a Final Four trip, it became clear. Bramlage is a damn tough place to play. It's not very big or intimidating.

Maybe, there is something psychological about the eightsided stadium. A stop sign is an octagon. So, maybe teams stop winning because of this. You see what I did there? Anyways, Bramlage has not always been in the national spotlight. Former K-State head coaches Jim Wooldridge and Tom Asbury languished in the Octagon of Gloom. The arena was half-full, and K-State fans were too busy relishing the days of the fall.

Enter, Bob Huggins and Frank Martin. Fans flocked to the arena. Most probably did not even know it existed. It was like the stereotypical jock stumbling upon the library for the first time, and the jock really liked to read. People stayed and, over time, Bramlage became a nightmare for opponents.

The student section is the largest in the Big 12 and one of the rowdiest. The athletic department encouraged us to rain insults, like "deadbeat daddy," on former Kansas guard Brandon Rush in 2008. Not many opponents have walked out of Bramlage winners.

Head coach Deb Patterson knows the importance of protecting home court. She has won 171 games there. The purple palace has been a cozy place for her Wildcat teams, but a royal pain for opponents.

Currently, Patterson and her posse have knocked off three ranked foes this season. The team won 11 straight before dropping two in a row. Even Bramlage can't be perfect, but for the women's team, the place has been a nice place to kick back and watch the victories pile up.

The men's and women's teams combined for a home record of 28-3 this past season.

Every single team needs a great home court because it's a built-in advantage. It takes a great deal of stress off a team's shoulders to know that they can win games at home.

So though it might not be to the level of the great stadiums across America, Bramlage is slowly exerting its muscle. In this case, flash is less important than substance. It's about creating a rowdy environment that leaves rivals regretting their trip.

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STRONG FINISH

Seniors' contributions essential in last home game



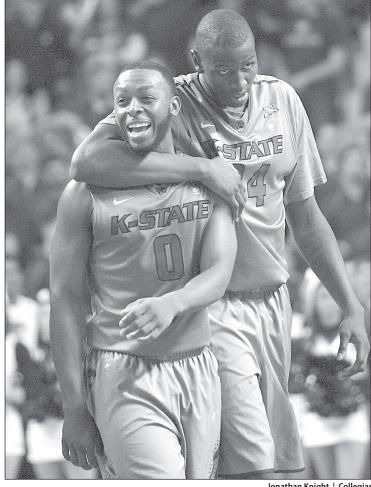
Even though the Iowa State Cyclones had a 3-12 conference record coming into Bramlage Coliseum on Saturday, everyone knew it would be a huge game for the K-State Wildcats.

They had won five straight and had a chance to continue their tremendous momentum and build on their resume to get a better seed in the NCAA Tournament. They did it 67-55, and while it wasn't one of their best-played games, it ended successfully because of contributions across the board. First of all, the seniors really as-

serted themselves. In their last game at Bramlage, Jacob Pullen and Curtis Kelly went out the right way. They played without fear. There wasn't the hesitation or uncertainty that sometimes bubbled up in earlier games. It was clear from their somber faces during pregame introductions that the significance of their last performance at Bramlage was not lost on them. Pullen finished with 17 points and four assists, while Kelly came up with 13 points and eight rebounds.

Behind those two, the Wildcat offense got off to a blistering start, including a 7-0 run in the first minute and a half. But as the half wore on, the cohesiveness between players seemed to lessen some. The team still shot 50 percent from the field, and nine assists on 12 made baskets indicated that overall ball movement was excellent.

The aforementioned lack of cohesion, however, manifested itself in the form of 11 K-State turnovers in the first 20 minutes. I remember after the UNLV game at the Sprint Center, when the Wildcats turned the ball over more than 20 times. We could hear head coach Frank Martin address the



K-State senior forward Curtis Kelly embraces senior guard Jacob Pulle during the second half of Saturday's matchup against Iowa State in Bramlage Coliseum. The Wildcats defeated the Cyclones 67-55.

team after the game, and I've never heard so many four-letter words in my life. With that memory, I expected the Wildcats to get their act together and take care of the ball in the second half. While they did end up giving the ball away 19 times, they also forced 14 turnovers from the Cyclones.

In the second half, Iowa State really did a remarkable job of staying in the game. With as much adversity as they've had this season - mainly in the form of losses — it was a tribute to head coach Fred Hoiberg for instilling confidence and heart into a team that, quite simply, could have quit on him a

long ago. The Cyclones took the lead, 39-3, in the first few minutes of the second half, but the Wildcats answered each time their opponent got close.
While the Wildcats didn't have a

stellar shooting night, 46.8 percent from the field is quite respectable. Their defense limited the production of the Cyclones, who had 15 more attempts from the field than K-State but only made 23 shots for a field goal percentage of 37.1.

Iowa State senior guard Diante Garrett, who had 18 points, five assists and four steals, said the way K-State denied passes on the perimeter threw the Cyclones' offense off a little bit.

In addition to the performances of seniors, bench play from younger players really filled in the gaps for K-State. Freshman guard Will Spradling went on a 6-0 run by himself early in the second half, going 3-of-3 from the foul line after being fouled beyond the arc and then sinking another from the same range. He played 29 minutes and added 13 points, five rebounds and four assists for the Wildcats.

Another reserve who proved exciting for K-State was junior transfer Devon Peterson. While he only played five minutes, he had some momentum-building baskets for his team, and he is quick as all get-out. The way he weaves through and speeds around people kind of reminds me of Denis Clemente.

As well as Spradling and Peterson played though, my favorite candidate for unsung hero is this game is sophomore forward Jordan Henriquez-Roberts. He set a record for blocks by a sophomore — 41 — by slapping away five shots against the Cyclones. Players often contribute significantly without having their efforts documented by the stat sheet, but this was not one of those times. In addition to those blocks, Henriquez-Roberts had five points, eight rebounds and three steals in his 27 minutes of court time.

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Defeat of KU strengthens position for Big 12 Tourney

Chris Wallace

The K-State women's basketball team closed out the 2010-2011 regular season with an exciting win over in-state rivals, the Kansas Jayhawks, 56-51 in Lawrence on Saturday.

The Wildcats needed a win to help their chances of securing a first-round bye in the Big 12 Tournament, which begins Tuesday in Kansas City, Mo. With the efforts

of junior forward Childs Jalana and strong per-formances from others, K-State achieved its goal. "We are just really proud of our

basketball team," head coach Patterson Deb following said, the win. had an unbelievable performance

today in terms of toughness and courage from Jalana Childs.

'Nobody would know it, but she played hurt today. She just really brought it for her team. It was an amazing, courageous step up moment for her. It's what you see about the really great players in the game and I think Jalana is one of the best in the Big 12."

With five lead changes and nine ties, the game was a backand-forth affair throughout. Both teams struggled to find the basket early on. Both K-State and KU shot below 40 percent for the half, and each team struggled to find momentum.

K-State pulled ahead 24-18, and things seemed to be going its way. But the team went cold, and KU climbed back into the contest. With a shot from sophomore guard Taelor Karr, the Wildcats clung to a two-point advantage at halftime, 26-24.

The second half continued the trend from the first half. Both teams struggled to make shots and build a comfortable margin. To start the half, the Jayhawks went on a 6-0 run to take the lead,

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43-37, K-State

Deb Patterson found a way to head coach let the Jayhawks

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retake the lead following a series of layups and a free throw. Down 44-43 and with just 6:45 left to play, Karr once again stepped up and catapulted the team into the lead with a basket and a foul for a traditional three-point play. It was the last time the Jayhawks would have the lead.

The Wildcats closed out the game by making enough freethrows and getting enough stops on defense to complete a regular-season sweep over their

"This was a classic KU vs. K-State game," Patterson said. "No one could really get a run and sustain it. That's just the nature



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Freshman guard, **Chantay Caron**, shields the ball from a Texas A&M player during Wednesday's game in Bramlage Coliseum. K-State won and also went on to defeat the Jayhawks on Saturday.

of competing in this league. That's a great basketball team we beat today. "It took everything that we

had. It seemed as though, in the first half, that we might have made a lot of individual mistakes, but in the second half we made a lot of individual plays in the framework of our offense."

For K-State, the toughness that Childs showed was just one of the many positives that the team can take away from this win. Childs missed nearly the entire game last Wednesday against No. 5 Texas A&M with a lower back injury. However, she fought through the pain and carried the team to victory with a team-high 16 points.

"I actually didn't think I would be able to play like I did because I was in a lot of pain today," Childs said. "I talked to my coaches, and it was my decision to step up. I could have tanked it or do what I did. It was a mental game with myself. I had to be here for my team. I did have some mental lapses during the game and I think they were evident. It was just a mental war with myself."

In addition to the great game from Childs, the Wildcats were able to use great games from the rest of their starting lineup. Karr, along with sophomore guard Mariah White, stepped up and delivered crucial performances. Karr finished with 12 points and eight rebounds, and White scored 14 points.

Coming off a career-high performance against Texas A&M, sophomore guard Brittany Chambers struggled to find opportunities to score throughout the game. She finished with nine points and nine rebounds. Despite her struggles from the field, Patterson said she was proud of the way the team managed the game.

"It took a lot of courage and a lot of stepping up in any given possession, whether it was Mariah (White) making a big play or Taelor (Karr) hitting a floater off the glass, Brittany (Chambers) continuing to run the offense or Branshea (Brown) getting a rebound or Jalana being willing to take the big shot or knock down free throws, it was a team accomplishment and effort," Patterson said. "That's really how our season has been. I'm just really proud of our team. I have the utmost respect for Kansas and what they bring — 40 rebounds and a possession-by-possession battle. We are happy to be on the upside of it."

The Wildcats are scheduled to face the winner of the Iowa State vs. Nebraska game on Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. at Municipal Auditorium in Kansas City for their first matchup in the Big 12 Tournament.

K-State Athletic Schedule: March 7 - 13

Monday

Men's Golf at Fresno State Classic, All day in Fresno, CA.

Women's Golf at Fresno State Lexus Classic, All day in Fresno, CA.

Tuesday

Men's Golf at Fresno State Classic, Women's Golf at Fresno State Lexus Classic Wednesday

Women's Basketball at Big 12 Championship 1:30 p.m. in Kansas City, MO. **Thursday**

Men's Basketball at Big 12 Championship 2:00 p.m. in Kansas City, MO. **Friday**

vs. Long Island, 3:00 p.m. at **Tointon Family Stadium Equestrian** vs. Auburn, All day in Manhattan

Baseball

Track at NCAA Indoor Championships, All day in College Station Texas Men's & Women's Basketball at Big 12 Championship

Saturday

Baseball vs. Long Island, 12:00 p.m. (Double-header)

<u>Equestrian</u> vs. New Mexico, All day in Manhattan

<u>Track</u> at NCAA Indoor Championships Men's & Women's Basketball at Big 12 Championship

<u>Baseball</u> vs. Long Island, **12:00 p.m**.

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For senior, love at first sight a reality after man walks into her work

Kelsey Castanon edge editor

While Victoria's Secret definitely sells all the components necessary for the makings of a romantic night, it was an unlikely visit to the store in June 2009 that forever changed the romantic course of employee Jenna Streff, senior in public relations, and Ryan Coates, 27.

For some, love takes time to build. For Streff and Coates, something ignited the moment

It was love at first sight for me," Coates said. "The first time I talked to her, I asked her out. I wasn't gonna waste any time."

And the feeling was mutual. By the following week, Coates and Streff were on their first date, talking for hours upon hours until the restaurant they had visited closed. The but-

terflies never went away, even during the third date — the date Streff said was her favorite - when Coates took her on his motorcycle to the Topeka Zoo.

wouldn't come within a three foot radius of me

because he didn't want to make me feel uncomfortable, but I remember wanting him to hold my hand so bad," Streff said.

"Such a third-grade reaction."
Eventually, the relationship that grew between the two is what led to the ultimate commitment for the rest of their lives. It was the blatant connection that ignited the relationship over summer break, and the couple had two months before Streff returned to Manhattan. Since then, the distance has tested the strength of the relationship. Basically our entire relation-

ship I've worked out of town with construction so there were some times we wouldn't see each other for two weeks," Coates said. "I mean, it was hard, but I knew the whole time it was worth it. I love her more than anything in the world."

But the distance has been only a bump in the road, which Streff agreed was the hardest part.

"Honestly though, I can co

in a year and a half," she said.

Harder than the distance, however, might have been the proposal for Coates. In October of 2010, he planned to ask the question unexpectedly. He said he had asked Streff's parents for her hand in marriage two days earlier, but finding the perfect time to pop the question proved a difficult task. Wracked with nerves, and with both her parent's blessings, he headed to Manhattan with the ring.

"I had no idea when I was gonna do it or how. I even had the ring out a couple of times attempting to do it, and I chickened out," Coates said.

minute he told

or Coates' nerves. to marry him the "We came home me he loved me." Tve gotta do it," he said. "I was shaking senior in public and she was like,

relations dropped down on one knee and asked her if she would make me the happiest man in the world."

would be the word "yes," Streff

"My mind was racing, and I asked if he'd asked both of my yes," she said. "Poor guy."

flect her feelings, she said. "I knew I wanted to marry

him the minute he told me he loved me," Streff said.

And instead of acting on instinct and spreading the good news of the engagement, the couple had to keep it under wraps. Streff is an active member in Alpha Delta Pi, and the sorority has a candle lighting ceremony for newly engaged members. While Coates said it was not too difficult keeping the news to himself, Streff admitted she wanted to tell everyone.

But like all good th on one hand the fights we've had was worth the wait, and Coates

After a few failed attempts, the pair went to IHOP for breakfast on Oct. 27, and it should have been obvious the proposal was still heavily on Coates mind. But Streff said she had been so busy that week, she did not notice the excite-"I knew I wanted ment of her parents

> and I finally had enough. I was like, 'What's the matter with you?' and I just

While the hopeful reaction had a few questions herself.

parents first. Second, I asked if he was serious, then I finally said But the hesitation did not re-



said he knows he made the right choice by asking her to marry

"She's got the kindest heart. She is with me what she is with everyone else; there is no other person," he said. "And I mean, she is the most beautiful person I've ever seen in my life."

The wedding date is set for March 2012. With Coates being five years older, he has been ready to settle down for a while, Streff said, while she is still in the "sorority girl" college phase — which is why they settled on an engagement of a year and a half.

But there is nothing but excitement for the pair's future. It seems love is often found when or where — it's least expected.

"I'm very excited to spend the rest of our lives together, figuring out life on the same foot."



College towns offer more learning for retirees



Courtesy Photo

A skyline view of Lexington, Ky., shows attractions available in the college town, which people are choosing as a retirement location.

Daniel Stewart

We are in the midst of our glory days in Manhattan. But how long will we be here? For some, it ends this semester, while others have four more years. For all of us, though, haven't these past 20 years gone by in a hiccup? In a minute, another 20 will flash by, and then in another 20 years, we'll be at the age of retirement and in the golden years. Where will you want to live when you retire? They say that life goes full circle and if that is true then maybe you will want to live in a college town again when it becomes time to watch "Wheel of Fortune" every night and go to bed by 9 p.m. According to an Oct. 6, 2010, CNN article, the following are the top college towns to retire in:

1. Durham, N.C.

This is the place where Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski and the rest of his Dukies sleep every night on top of their national championships and cut nets. Twenty-five percent of the population is older than the age of 50, and the median house price is about \$165,000, according to the article. Durham enjoys all four seasons, without any of the extremities, such as the snowstorms Kansas has been smashed with during the past few weeks. Golf courses and parks decorate the beautiful land, and a 2,800-seat Durham Performing Arts Center frequently attracts traveling Broadway shows. Duke also has a 33-year-old senior learning program with multiple varieties of topics.

2. Hanover, N.H. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, this small town boasted a population of 11,037 in 2009 with a quarter of the population older than 50. The houses are steep in price at a median average of \$401,000, but the beauty of New England more than makes up for the asking price. Home of Dartmouth College, every day is seemingly a picture of serenity. People who enjoy the great outdoors will be drawn to the kayaking and hiking. Skiers will be pleased to know there are 94 inches of snow a year with five resorts less than an hour away. In addition, Dartmouth has a 20-year-old senior program.

3. Lexington, Ky.

In a culture of horse racing and bourbon, Lexington is third on the list. Home to the University of Kentucky Wildcats, homes are considerably cheaper at an average of \$144,200. The U.S. Census Bureau reported that 12 percent of the population is more than 65-years-old. The storied Rupp Arena where Kentucky basketball plays is a large draw for any sports fan. For racing fans, the Kentucky Derby and Churchill Downs are only 90 minutes away. Retirees can sit in on any class at the university, as long as there are open seats

4. Prescott, Ariz.

This city, where Yavapi College is established, has a population of 42,265. With 49 percent of the population being older than 50, this western town is a good community for retirees. It is filled with Victorian style homes with the average price of them is \$230,500, according to the article. It's a town that is just more than western; it is seemingly pulled from the Wild West of long ago. It has the world's oldest rodeo and more than 800 buildings on the national register of historic places. It also has a 17-year-old lifelong learning program with 200 classes.

5. Bellingham, Wash. Western Washington University is nestled here in this boating community, and retirees enjoy this city with no state tax. It has a population of 82,654, and about one-third of the population is older than the age of 50. It is beautiful in a spot between the Puget Sound and Cascade Mountains. A harbor sits in the middle of the city where boaters can make a quick escape to the San Juan Islands. It has a 12-year-old lifelong learning program.



They plan a May 27 wedding in Goessel, Kan. **Power – Ghormley**

Chrystiana is the daughter of Delton and Janice Voth, Goessel, KS, and Bryant is the son of Dan

and Jaynette Miller, Goessel, KS.

Voth – Miller Chrystiana Voth, planning to graduate May 2013 from K-State in Elementary Education, and Bryant Miller, planning to graduate May 2014 in Pre-Nursing and Family Studies, announce their engagement.

Danielle Power graduating May 2011 from K-State in Kinesiology, and David Ghormley graduating May 2011 in Psychology, announce

their engagement. Danielle is the daughter of Kent and Cori Power, Grantville, KS, and David is the son of Curt and Lynn Ghormley, Benton, KS.

They plan a June 25 wedding in Topeka.



Gibler – Weatherford

Jessica Rose Gibler graduating May 2011 from Johnson County Community College in Horticulture- Fruits and Vegetables, and Mark Edwin Weatherford, graduating in May 2012 from K-State in Secondary Education and Spanish, announce their engagement.

Jessica is the daughter of Dave and Rhonda Gibler, Lecompton, Kan. and Mark is the son of John and Kathy Weatherford, Stull, Kan. They plan a May 21 wedding in Lawrence.

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"Most people have gone to a fundraiser where you've got a T-shirt, and generally it's a \$5 Hanes T-shirt that someone screen-printed a logo on that you'll never wear; it's great for the cause, but you shove it in your closet," said Bryan Sederwall, director of ATA Gives for All of the Above Clothing. "It has to have the feel that you're going to wear it outside of just supporting the cause; you like the shirt."

Regehr, adviser for All of the Above Clothing, said people can feel proud to wear items from the company because they display meaning in a way that is fresh and interesting.

"People are really attracted to it, and it's interesting that clothing can speak," Regehr said.

Philanthropy and fashion

As Sudmeier formulated these entrepreneurial ideas, he was sure of one thing: if he was going to do something philanthropic, he was not going to make it a small sidebar to his business — he was going to make it the central focus.

"I had seen some article, it was a soda company that gave out a \$10,000 scholarship and then spent \$1 million advertising that they'd given out a \$10,000 scholarship," Sudmeier said. "So, it's like, you're doing something right, but it's selfserving. I want to try to build something that was not an after-thought — where a core func-tion of the business is really tied toward giving back."

To accomplish this mission, All of the Above Clothing, col-

"If this business has success, it's clearly a sign that there is a greater power, because I am not capable of doing this myself. I have no business being successful in this area. If I am, it's a beautiful thing."

> Cody Sudmeier All the Above Clothing 2001 K-State alumnus

laborates with nonprofit organizations to design tees that represent the respective organization and its purpose. One hundred percent of the revenue from these items is donated to

Also, the company's website, ta-clothing.com, uses one-minute videos to feature a different charity every month. The current video, created by Denver Film School students, raises awareness for Sox Place, a nonprofit organization in Denver

that serves 80 to 100 homeless

youth each day.
Sederwall, who dual majored in youth ministry and Biblical studies at Central Bible College in Springfield, Mo., said getting to work all day with people who serve at-risk youth is a huge privilege.

"I was a youth pastor, then I started an inner-city nonprofit in Los Angeles, working with anti-gang, after-school, at-risk stuff for eight years, and just fell in love with outside-of-the-box thinking — sports, entertainment, any kind of tool we could get to affect gang activity and keep kids out of trouble," Sederwall said.

Sederwall said he wanted to encourage nonprofit orga-nizations to contact All of the Above to garner support for their vision. He said almost any organization can qualify for the 10% Gives Back program, in which All of the Above sells its own line of designs with positive messages and visual stories, and 10 percent of the proceeds are given to charities.

For nonprofits that All the Above sees as "really amazing," Sederwall said, the company will consider collaborating for unique designs, a video and other promotions, like the offer of \$1 per "like" on Facebook toward the nonprofit for 30

An unlikely candidate

Sudmeier grew up in sub-urban Denver and went to college in Manhattan — not exactly fashion capitals of the world. Other than shopping for his own clothes at the mall, he never had a particular interest

"I had no idea about clothing," Sudmeier said. "If this business has success, it's clearly a sign that there is a greater power, because I am not capable of doing this myself. I have no business being successful in this area. If I am, it's a beautiful

Regehr said Sudmeier is skilled at knowing when tasks are outside of his boundaries, and he is not afraid to call people who can help fill strength into his areas of weakness.

One of the coolest things that I saw him do, he was designing the women's stuff, and he was like, 'I have no idea what women wear, so he gathered every woman that he knows and had a huge party," Regehr said. Sudmeier laid out rows and

rows of clothes for the women to test out and comment on.

'We tried things on and were like, 'Women would never wear this, or, 'This is really cool," Regehr said. "We had a really fun party, and now, a lot of the clothes I see online, I'm like, Oh, I remember that from the sample party; this is cool."

From corporate America to art



ly, and my dog's name is Beasley. I take so much pride in where I come from — K-State," he

Cody Sudmeier, 2001 K-State

visits the store Envy in Manhat-tan. Sudmeier

Above Clothing, after his business

consulting firm, Agility Solutions. Sudmeier said he is still tied to

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lack of fashion knowledge — he studied finance in college — Sudmeier faced the difficulty of adjusting to a new subculture.

"With my other company, you're dealing with a lot of people that are very strict about deadlines and professionalism, so I'm used to people showing up to meetings on time, meeting deadlines, taking all those things, and now I'm working with a bunch of artists," Sudmeier said. "I totally appreciate their creative side, but, at times, I want to slam my head against

Though there have been a few head-slamming moments, Regehr said Sudmeier is learning to overcome the challenge of the shift from corporate America to art central.

"Agility and ATA couldn't be more polar opposites — like, a completely different group of people and talent and experiences needed to run those two companies," Regehr said. "He can have a very similar conversation with one of our Agility resources and then, when he's on the phone with one of the ATA ones, it's still the same message, but he's delivering it a lot differ-

One message Sudmeier said is essential to deliver is his desire to reconnect with K-State through this story. His consulting firm hired three K-State graduates this year and is seeking to interview more K-State students in the upcoming

"When I look back on my our years at K-State, they were four of the happiest years of my life," Sudmeier said. "I follow football and basketball religiously, and my dog's name is Beasley. I take so much pride in where I come from — K-State."

Pullen, McGruder receive Big 12 accolades for K-State

Ashley Dunkak

The league office of the Big 12 announced its annual awards on Sunday, and — surprise, surprise — Wildcat senior guard Jacob Pullen was a unanimous selection to the All-Big 12 first team. The league recognized Pullen in the same capacity last season, and he is K-State's first two-time All-Big 12 first team selection.

More than 20 years ago, Norris Coleman earned back-to-back All-Big Eight first team accolades in 1986 and 1987. Since 1915, only 17 K-State players have earned multiple first team all-league

Pullen's selection speaks not only of his talent, but the ability of the team as a whole, which is such that he has had a national stage on which to showcase what he can do.

The repetition of these honors also brings to mind another facet of Pullen, one that transcends from the basketball court to something more than that. Michael Beasley could have easily been All-Big 12 in consecutive years, but he was not; he elected to drop out of college in favor of playing in the NBA.

Pullen, the first recruit of head

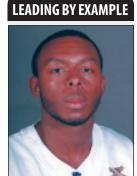
coach Frank Martin to go the distance of a four-year college career, has made it a point to remain focused on the present rather than the future during his time at K-State, and he has impacted his school's program because of it.

As K-State's second player to cross the 2,000-point threshold, this season Pullen led the team in 11 categories, according to the K-State sports information depart-

Less quantifiable but just as valuable for the Wildcats has been Pullen's defense. As his teammates are quick to point out, the senior guards the other team's best player – obviously a tough assignment. As a result of this, he has also been included on the six-man Coaches' All-Defensive team for the second straight season, and Yahoo! Sports named him Defensive Player of

the Year. The other Wildcat mentioned in postseason awards was sophomore guard Rodney McGruder, who was selected to the All-Big 12 third team. McGruder led the team in 3-point field goals and is the only player on the K-State roster who has started all 31 games this season and scored in double digits in 21 of those. His 6.2 rebounds per game are also the best on the team.





Pullen's season totals:

19.6 points per game

26 double-digit scoring

15 20-point games

152 free throws

101 assists

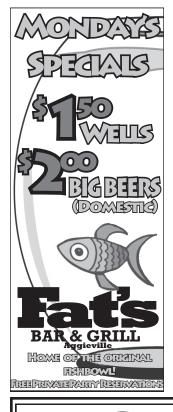
46 steals

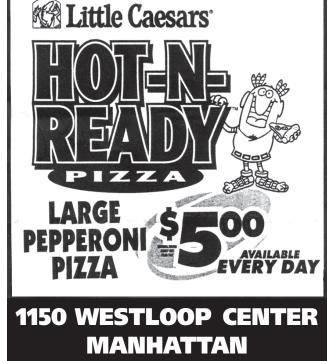


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